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(FEBRUARY 08 ON THE BACK)

01/12 Pellejo Seco

Alfredo Gomez (releasing new CD) • MamaCoAtI • Steve Taylor-Ramirez

EarthCapades' unique and memorable programs offer a hilarious blend of environmental education and entertainment. Circus arts, storytelling, music and comedy are skillfully woven with learning to enthrall audiences of all ages.

CAFE: Paintings by Janelle Clayton. "My artwork is a colorful expression of my experience as a woman & the many inspirational people in my life...the beauty of discovery and self-realization, the essence of humanity, and the physical aesthetic. My paintings celebrate life!"

La Peña Cultural Center Calendar of Events • February 2008

SEE JANUARY 08 ON THE BACK

La Gran Noche del Canto Nuevo Boricua !!



02/17 José Saavedra (from Puerto Rico) and Meli Rivera



02/15 La Familia Son

NO EASY VICTORIES

Edited by William Minter, Gail Hovey, and Charles Cobb Jr.
with a Foreword by Nelson Mandela

02/7 Book Launch



02/23 Orquesta la Moderna Tradición



02/16 Adelina Anthony



02/29 María Volonté

SUNDAY

3 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

Some of San Francisco's most acclaimed musicians join the Bay Area native and Latin vocalist **Ana Nitmar** for a vibrant and soulful concert. They will be performing timeless tunes that blend jazz with Brazilian rhythms, Italian ballads, and classic Latin music. A singer-songwriter, who "radiates with a vocal prowess full of experience and expression." *Jessy Varela*

7pm \$12 gen.
(\$10 students & seniors)

10 BENEFIT

A Benefit for the

"Longest Walk 2"

with Dennis Banks, Charlie Hill, Arigon Starr, One Struggle, Jimbo Simmons, and others tba...

7pm \$15-\$25 Sliding scale.*
For more info. (415) 568-0826.

17 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM

From Puerto Rico **José Saavedra** and special guest **Meli Rivera**

Rooted in the acoustic traditions of Latin America's *Nueva Canción*, singer-songwriter José Saavedra started writing songs that attempted to paint the Puerto Rican reality. Singer & songwriter, Meli's music defies labeling, for it is the outpouring of her soul. Meli is a musician of rare power and depth, you will be touched by her magic.

8pm \$8

24 CONCERT

Launching her new CD, *Singing Is Believing*, **Pat Wynne**

Pat Wynne and her musical friends present songs about solidarity, creativity, women's hands, love, and resistance to injustice, globally and locally. Pat is the director of the Bay Area Rockin' Solidarity Labor Chorus. Her songs draw on gospel, blues, jazz, and a little Brecht/Weill.

7:30pm \$12-\$25 (sliding scale)



02/02 Chelle and Friends Concert & Workshop

WEDNESDAY

6 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

CAFE VALPARAISO NOW HAS WIRELESS ACCESS!

- Mac laptop with wireless
- PC laptop with wireless capacity
- Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kid's programs
- Shure 58 & 57 mics

13 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

LA PEÑA WISH LIST

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20 CAFE POETRY & OPEN MIC HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

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27 BENEFIT

The Freedom Archives CD Release Party!

Paul Robeson: Words Like Freedom

Musicians and poets TBA.
Visit www.freedomarchives.org for more info.

7pm \$10-\$20 sliding scale*
No one turned away for lack of funds.

THURSDAY

7 AFRICA SOLIDARITY

Reception & Book Launch

No Easy Victories: African Liberation & American Activists Over a Half Century, 1950-2000. Gathering and celebration of the Bay Area Africa solidarity and anti-apartheid movement veterans.

6-8:30pm Free

RSVP: BayAreaNoEasy@yahoo.com or (510) 238-8080 ext. 309

14 13TH ANNUAL LOVE FEST

An alternative Valentine's celebration in spoken word & music, hosted by **Aya de Leon**

7:30-8:45pm: performances featuring **Maceo Cabrera Estevez** performing excerpts from *Amor Cubano*, vocals by Adrienne Maree Brown.

9-10:30pm: dancing with **dj flood** (*Transdub Massiv, Magic Milkcrates*) + card & domino party + door prizes & goodies!

\$12 adv. \$14 dr.

21 POETRY

Poetry for the People presents:

Poetry in the Community

a multi-generational poetry conversation, featuring *National Poetry Series* prizewinner **Tyehimba Jess**, Def Poet **Rafael Casal**, Poetry for the People poets, and special guests! Hosted by **Aya de Leon**.

7:30pm \$15
(\$7 students/yth/sr/disabled)

28 CAFE POETRY OPEN MIC 7:30PM

Supporting & preserving beatboxing

Speak the Music

Ian Canright & Mike Tinoco, of the well-known *Vowel Movement*, are providing a platform for beatboxers to be heard. Featuring the best beatboxers and a small beatboxing battle & a beat-matching segment (like DJs do). With *Infinite & Soulati* (Felonious), *Eachbox*, *Constant Change*, *Szygy*, *Monktilo*, *Joshua Walters*, *Tim Barsky*, *Butterscotch*, and DC.

8pm \$8 *

FRIDAY

1 BENEFIT EVENT

Fundraiser for

Berkeley Liberation Radio & Carol Denney

Performers Andrea Prichett & Friends of Carol Denney, Funky Nixons, Phoenix, and After Buffalo M.C. Che-X

7pm \$12-\$15 sliding scale*

8 FROM CHILE

Pianist, composer, & singer extraordinaire **Catalina Claro**

On tour from Chile, Catalina presents a repertoire with her own compositions and original arrangements of favorite Latin American songs. Catalina has written music for films and TV and has performed with Victor Manuel, Ana Belén, Cirque du Soleil, and Tonino Carotone.

8:30pm \$15

15 DANCE

Enjoy traditional son & old-school salsa, with an inflection of East Bay funk & Cuban timba

La Familia Son

Get ready to dance to new & old favorite songs. The group features: Violeta Arroyo & Lina Luna on lead vocals; Sekou Heath, tres; Raul Perales, bass; Danny Perales, piano/guitar; Mario Silva, trumpet; Norm Downing, timbal; Roberto Medina, bongo; Sylvia Sherman, congas; and Marina Garza, trumpet.

9pm \$12

22 CONCERT

An uncompromising brew of artistic exuberance and exceptional musical talent.

Toshi Reagon

Her infectious energy has been electrifying audiences for years. Her *Righteous Babe Records* debut *Have You Heard*, calls the listener back to the heart of rock and roll with a voice overflowing with raw emotion.

8pm \$16 adv. \$18 dr.

29 CONCERT

María Volonté: Íntima

Argentine vocalist & Latin Grammy nominee **María Volonté** returns to La Peña. She is celebrated for her ability to move audiences with her innovative and intensely personal performances of the music of Buenos Aires. In this one-woman show, María reveals herself at her most intimate.

www.mariavolonte.com

8pm \$16 adv. \$18 dr.

SATURDAY

2 JOE REILLY 10:30AM

Workshop with Michelle Jacques

If you love New Orleans music and love to sing, this is an opportunity to experience both. \$15 for the workshop with a \$5 off the evening show.

Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!

MARDI GRAS COUNTDOWN

Join the CHELLE! and Friends along with special guests, to ring in Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) and celebrate New Orleans, its people and music.

8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

9 GARY LAPOW 10:30AM

The safe word is transition, so come & witness the intrepid new trio infuriate + inspire vis-a-vis challenging interventions around identity + practice, community + self.

Butchlalis de Panochtitlan

in "Dickwhipped!"

Meet a dazzling panoply of characters, videos + situations in an all-NEVV defiantly innovative sketch show. Carol Burnett would be so bi-curious. (Adult material)

8pm \$12 gen. \$10 students

16 BONNIE LOCKHART & FRAN AVNI 10:30AM

A wild ride through queerlandia-Xicana style!

Adelina Anthony's

La Angry Xicana-Y Qué!

(Oh, and she's really not angry... she's just getting even!) Hailed by critics as "bawdy, proud and hysterical" & "screamingly funny," Adelina is one of the few-if not the only-queer Chicanas of her generation following in the footsteps of Latina lesbian comic pioneers Marga Gomez & Monica Palacios.

8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.
(\$10 students w/ID) (Adult material)

23 MARIA FERNANDA 10:30AM

Come listen to some great charanga, & support the Bay Area's own, playing classic & modern Cuban dance music.

Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

Hear the *Orquesta* performing great Cuban dance music, from Danzón and Cha-cha-cha to Songo and Timba, as well as new arrangements of compositions by Juan Carlos Formell. You'll be dancing all night long!

9pm \$12 gen. \$10 students/seniors

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02/08 Catalina Claro



02/24 Pat Wynne



02/22 Toshi Reagon



02/09 Butchlalis de Panochtitlan



02/14 & 21 Aya de Leon

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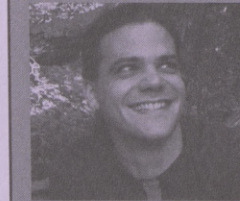
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Sat., Feb. 2: Environmental songs with singer-songwriter **Joe Reilly**



Sat., Feb. 9: **Gary Lapow** performs original songs for children. "Gary's stuff is great! You're in for a fun time" **Whoppi Goldberg**



Sat., Feb. 16: Acclaimed singers, and children's performers **Bonnie Lockhart** and **Fran Avni** once again team up to offer a double serving of joyful music for children and families.



Sat., Feb. 23: An interactive musical tour across Latin America with *Viva el Español*, featuring **María Fernanda Acuña**.